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## **AMHS SCHEDULES TAKU OVERHAUL IN KETCHIKAN**

***Alaska Ship and Drydock Meets Bonding Requirements***

The Alaska Marine Highway System announced today that the M/V *Taku* is scheduled to go out of service for its annual overhaul on September 13, 2001. The approximately \$400,000 contract will be completed at the Alaska Ship and Drydock (ASD) in Ketchikan. The ferry will remain at ASD until November 1, 2001 when it returns to service.

Earlier this week, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough passed a resolution to provide ASD with the statutorily required bonding. This allowed ASD to continue the state contract with AMHS to do the state maintenance of its Southeast vessels.

"We're happy that we can continue to do our annual maintenance here in state," said Captain Bob Doll, Director of the Southeast Region. "It's in everyone's best interest to complete this work here and we have established a good working relationship with ASD that we want to continue."

"Alaska Ship & Drydock looks forward to continuing a long positive relationship of repairing AMHS vessels. ASD and AMHS have worked together over the last 8 years to successfully complete over 35 vessel maintenance projects," said Randy Johnson, President of Alaska Ship & Drydock, Inc.

If there are any questions regarding AMHS schedules or making reservations, contact AMHS by internet at [www.alaska.gov/ferry](http://www.alaska.gov/ferry) or by calling the System's Reservation Call Center at 1-800-642-0066 or 907-465-3941 or your local terminal or reservations office.

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